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The **April** meeting of the Zia Rifle & Pistol Club is scheduled for **Thursday, April 19th** at 7:00 PM at **Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4656 Pitt NE**. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. If there is anything you would like to discuss, please contact Secretary, Chris Garrett.

See you there!

February 15, 2024 Zia Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The February 15, 2024 BOD meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, with Club President Pat Mileshosky presiding. Aquorum of the BOD was achieved with 17 out of 21 members in attendance.

Item I - Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda for the meeting was approved with four additions (web update, container repair, gratitude, and batteries).

The minutes from the January Annual and Special Meetings were approved without changes.

Item II - Treasurer's report

Sharon Foreman gave the Treasurer's Report. She shared the Statement of Activity from January and said we should get a 2023 financial overview at the March BOD meeting. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Item III Legislative Action Committee Report

Nate gave an overview of the session outcome: two of the bills were passed, and MLG is threatening a special session. Engagement with the membership was excellent, and our efforts appear to have made a difference.

Item IV - Old Business

Pat gave the 2024 Financial Audit Committee Report. He and Jay Sullivan examined the Club's financial records. All the accounts appear to be in order and the Committee has no concerns.

Heidi gave an update on the Web Site and Membership System. Excellent progress is being made, and the system is on target to be ready for full roll-out by late February.

Item V - New Business

Tom Foreman requested funds to improve the small-bore silhouette facility with seating, rain gutters, a railing, rifle racks, and an improved transition from the sandy parking area to the concrete slab. Tom described the current conditions as a verified tripping hazard and planned to do the work. A motion was made to authorize up to \$1000 for materials, seconded and passed.

Ted Simmons expressed his gratitude to the Club members that attended Johnny Montgomery's memorial. Zia had a large showing, and the surviving family members were moved by the turn-out.

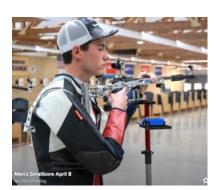
Lyn Carter discussed needing some batteries for Shotgun but did not need a vote because they were already in his activity budget.

Pat requested funds for materials to repair a West Range container door. A motion was made for \$500, seconded and passed.

Item VI - Adjourn

After discussing all the items on the agenda, and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The next BOD meeting will be held on March 21, 2024, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4656 Pitt NE.







Congratulations Cohen Ahner & James Tucker!

Cohen Ahner (above) and James Tucker, (below) from Zia's Juniors Rifle program, at the Junior Olympics qualifying. Cohen, 15 and James, 12, both qualified in both air rifle and small bore rifle.







Zia Member Spotlight Javier Chavez



As far as I can remember, I have been a member of Zia Rifle and Pistol Club since 2008.

I joined Zia after I heard they had "Pistol Combat" matches. I showed up with a Browning Hi-Power and the rest is history.

I began shooting when I was about 10 years old with a B-B gun, a Christmas gift. When I was 13, I acquired a single shot Ithaca .22 rifle. Lord knows how many southern New Mexico rabbits I laid low with that rifle. 5 decades later, I still have it. I occasionally dispatch ground squirrels and skunks in the back yard with it. Feel free to ask Heidi about these wonderful creatures.

The thing I like most about Zia Rifle and Pistol are all my new and old friends there and the organized events.

I participate in Action Pistol, Sporting Clays, .22 steel and recently . 22 silhouette.

I have 2 favorite guns currently. The first is a CZ Shadow in 9mm. This pistol is a work of art. The second is a Stoeger M3020. (the poor man's Benelli) This lively 20 gauge semi-auto is a joy to shoot clay birds with.

In the future I would like to see Zia add another plinking range to the West. The plinking ranges can fill up quickly. Now that the club has a tractor perhaps we could tackle this job.

I end up shooting the most with those shady Action Pistol guys.

If I could spend a week taking lessons from Jerry and Lena Miculek I would be a happy man. I have met Jerry and he is one of those people you like within a minute. Both Jerry and Lena are fantastic pistol, rifle and shotgun shots. If Lena can speed load a 12 gauge shotgun with those little hands, maybe I can too.

I am an amateur paleontologist. I have spent hours in the NM wastelands looking for dinosaur fossils. My friends and I found and donated a partial skull of a Pachycephalosaurus (google it) to the local Museum of Natural History. The dinosaur skull was 65 million years old and the creature ate plants near Bloomfield. The museum rewarded us with a secret back stage tour of a large warehouse of unmounted dinosaurs. We were in heaven.

Thanks Jerry!

A REMINDER

(yes they are still out there!)



WATCH YOUR STEP!

Yes, we do have snakes at the range! And as the days get warmer, you are likely to see one. Please remember, you cannot shoot them! (Member Guidebook, item 9, Policy and Procedures.) Just keep an eye out, and remember: they don't want to be bothered any more than you do! This guy was spotted at the smallbore silhouette range across from the clubhouse. Thank you Joel Martin for the pic!





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Zia Rifle & Pistol Club

2024 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, and begin at 7:00 p.m. All Zia members are welcome to attend. If there is an issue you would like to bring up to the Board, please contact Secretary, Chris Garrett a week prior to the meeting so that you may be put on the agenda.

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

IT'S HERE!

Zia's new online membership renewal process launched on March 1st. Emails were sent out to all current members with detailed instructions on how to access the membership renewal system, take the safety test, renew and pay by credit card. There is also an option available for paying by check.

Please note: if for any reason you are unable to renew on line, please contact either:

Lois Blanchard: membership@ziarifleandpistolclub.com

505-281-2800

Chris Garrett: secretary@ziarifleandpistolclub.com

505-321-8688

Please contact us also if you are a past member that would like to rejoin or if you did not renew last year so that we can set you up in the system. Also, if you are in need of a paper renewal, let us know and we will mail one out to you.

Please be patient. This is a brand new system and we are still working out some of the bugs. I am sending out new membership cards daily! We welcome all suggestions, comments and constructive criticism.



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Small Bore Rifle Silhouette Match March 3, 2024



Pictures - Top left Eric E. celebrating his 1st 5 in a row win with the silver tiara, top right a full relay of competitors, bottom left Sharon F. match winner, bottom right a view of the new and upgraded Small Bore Rifle Silhouette range.

21 shooters showed up on this cool March morning to enjoy the new and upgraded silhouette range. The upgrades and renovations were the product of many man (and woman) hours. Those responsible for the work were Pat M., Freddy M., Dennis B., Jerry C., Tom F., and Sharon F. Thanks to all of those folks and stay tuned, there are more upgrades to come.

The match went quickly due to a restructuring of the shooting bay assignments. Everyone seemed to enjoy the pace and after a little bit of acclamation we all dropped into the swing of things and had a great morning of shooting.

We seem to be attracting new competitors each month. The Iron Sights class is the one that has seen the most significant growth in the last few months. So much so, that the shooters have requested that we now "classify" them according to the class structure that we use for the scoped group. I myself shoot with a scope and struggle to hit the targets; *I honestly don't know how those that shoot with iron sights do it! Especially on the 1/5 size targets.



½ Size Target Results

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL	CLASS	
Sharon F.	7	8	8	7	30	М	
Jerry C.	7/5	7	6	6	26	М	
John B.	5	8	5	7	25	M	
Dennis B.	6	10	3	6	25	AA	
Gary B.	3	7	7	7	24	AAA	
Tom F.	4	10	3	7	24	M	
Charles E.	9/5	2	6	6	23	Α	Iron Sights
Bill S.	4	8/5	5	5	22		
Davin R.	6/5	6/5	3	6	21	U	Iron Sights
Gary D.	4	8	4	4	20	AA	
Jordan S.	7/5	5	3	4	19	AA	Iron Sights
Freddy M.	5	6	2	6	19	AA	
Coralyn	3	5	3	3	14	В	
Eric E.	2	2	6	4	14	U	Iron Sights
Steve S.	4	6	4	0	14	U	
Will M.	2	3	3	6	14	Α	Iron Sights
James	6	4	1	2	13	U	Iron Sights
Lorelai	0	8/5	3	1	12	В	Iron Sights
Carter	1	2	1	1	5	В	Iron Sights
Melissa	2	0	2	0	4	U	

Highlighted scores indicate class winners.

Please note the 5 and 10 in a row winners as indicated in the score table.

The matrix for this class structure is:

Master 34 - 40 AAA 28 - 33 AA 21 - 27 A 15 - 20 B 0 - 14

This class structure has no bearing on any classifications or qualifications outside of this specific match. The purpose is to allow everyone a fair chance at competition and provide a structure for advancement. The way you advance to the next level is to shoot 3 subsequent scores within the higher range(s). New shooters will shoot "unclassified" and once a score is recorded, that will be the class in which they will shoot until higher scores move them "up".



1/5 size target results:

On the 1/5 size targets Jerry C. placed 1st with 14, followed by Gary D. and Freddy M. both with 11. There was a shoot off for 2nd place and Gary won the shoot off on the chickens. Jordan turned in a score of 6 with iron sights. (See comment above for writer's comment on this matter)*

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL	
Jerry C.	4	7	0	3	14	
Gary D.	2	2	3	4	11	
Freddy M.	6	1	2	2	11	
Jeb	3	3	2	1	9	
Dennis B.	3	0	2	1	6	
Jordan	3	2	1	0	6	Iron Sights

Small Bore Silhouette shooting is one of the most challenging sports for individual marksmanship. Many great shooting competitions offer challenging shots at long range from a bench or other supported position. All our shooting is done from a standing position swaying in whatever breeze there happens to be. We shoot 10 chickens at 40 meters, 10 pigs at 60 meters, 10 turkeys at 77 meters, and 10 rams at 100 meters. A total of 40 rounds are needed for a match plus sight in rounds.

We shoot with .22 rim fire rifles with scopes or open sights. Any standard velocity or high velocity .22 short, long, or long rifle ammo is permitted but the extra hot rounds such as the STINGER or VIPER rounds and magnums are prohibited.

The following in information taken from the NRA Silhouette Rifle Rule book and explains the match time sequencing:

Time is not checked on each shot but is computed on the indicated allowance for each five-shot string. The Range Officer may terminate any relay before completion of the full time allowance, if all competitors in that relay have completed firing.

Time Allowances:

Ready Time - Fifteen seconds will be allowed after the command **READY** is given before the command **FIRE.**

Two and one half minutes will be allowed to fire one shot on each target of a bank of five targets.

Targets are shot in sequential order from left to right.

Alibis - 30 seconds will be allowed for each unfired round of the series in which the alibi is allowed.

Shoot-offs - 30 seconds will be allowed for each shot fired in a shoot off of ties.

A minimum of 30 seconds will be allowed between the command CEASE FIRE and READY.

The small bore rifle silhouette match is held on the first Sunday of each month.

Setup starts at 8:00am. We will have a sight in/practice period starting after set up and will start the match promptly at 9:00am. This event is open to any Zia member/guest and all are welcome. Juniors are encouraged to try this fun and challenging shooting sport.

The adjacent bench rest/plinking range to the immediate West of the Small Bore Rifle Silhouette Range will be closed for the duration of our matches. This will allow us to provide participants with a higher level of safety.

For additional information contact Sharon Foreman, email: treasurer@ziarifleandpistolclub.com

Results of the Bench Rest Rifle Silhouette Match March 10, 2024



Very little wind for March, therefore, we were expecting scores to be unusually high but it appears that 35 was as high as we could go in a perfect setting. Good job Frank. If Tom O. could have connected with more rams, he would have cleaned house. Unfortunately scope problems allowed for only 2 rams. Oh well, maybe next time.

Speaking of next time, several of us have been experimenting with extended long range. We took 3/8 scale animals, which are roughly twice as big as the 1/5 scale targets, and placed them at further distances. In this scenario for the April match, we will shoot chickens at 150 yds, pigs at 200 yds, turkeys at 290 yds, and rams at 325 yds. A forty grain bullet will take over the rams but they do fall slow. I will try to do this in conjunction with the regular long range match. So in

preparation, make sure you have plenty of elevation adjustment in relation to your particular ammo. Practice now to be ready... It looks like it will be lots of fun!

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL
FRANK C.	10	10	8	7	35
GUY N.	8	8	9	8	33
TOM O.	10	10	10	2	32
JERRY C.	10	10	6	6	32
DENNIS B.	9	10	4	7	30
TOM F.	10	9	5	5	29
KEVIN B.	8	4	7	6	25
JERRY C.	10	7	4	2	23
STEVE S.	3	10	2	7	22
ERICK L.	8	4	5	2	19
FREDDY M.	8	6	1	1	16

The bench rest rifle silhouette (formerly known as "Mouse Gun") match is held on the second Sunday of each month.

For those of you that are wondering what we do...
We take a scoped 22 rifle that has plenty of elevations.

We take a scoped .22 rifle that has plenty of elevation adjustment and shoots long rifle ammo (**no stingers or hyper velocity**) and we shoot at 1/5 scale targets, whereas the chickens are set a 60 meters and are roughly 2"x2" in size. The pigs which are roughly 3"x4" are set at 100 meters, the turkeys, roughly 3"x5" tall are set at 150, and the rams 6"x4" are at 200 meters. All you need is a sand bag, maybe a bipod, or perhaps a fancy bench rest rig, it doesn't matter as any type of rest is allowed. At the onset of each 15 minute relay, there are unlimited "sighters" at the beginning sighters being shots that are fired at a 8"x11" steel plate set at the same distance at each of the targets. When you are pretty sure that your rifle is sighted in good enough for that bay of targets, the "sighters" stop and you shoot 10 shots in left to right order in what is remaining of the 15 minute time allotment for score.

Relays consist of 10 chickens at 60 meters, 10 pigs at 100 meters, 10 turkeys at 150 meters, and 10 rams at 200 meters. This all done while sitting at a bench. It is a relaxed atmosphere and a ton of fun! A total of 40 rounds are needed for a match plus "sighters".

Setup starts at 7:30 am. We will have a sight in/practice period starting after set up if possible, and will start the match promptly at 8:00am.

I encourage anyone with a .22 rifle to come out and give this a try! Most folks that have are now hooked. If you have any questions, please call or text Tom 505-350-4026

Please note, on the 2nd Sunday of each month when this match is held on the East range, the F-Class range and the Precision Tactical range is closed for the duration of this event.

For additional information contact Tom Foreman, email: rbench-sil@ziarifleandpistol.com

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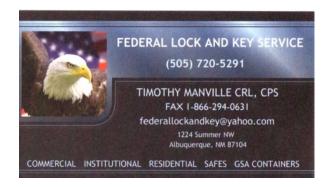
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This indicates adjacent range closure See following page for more info



Zia Activity Calendar April / May 2024

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

EAST RANGE	INDOOR/ SHOTGUN	WEST RANGE	EAST RANGE	INDOOR/ SHOTGUN	WEST RANGE
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EAST RANGE	SHUIGUN	WEST RANGE			EAST NANGE	SHUIGUN	
WEST RANGE BERM #3 Family Rimfire Steel Match 0900 Ted 737-8580	Junior Practice 0930-1530 Joel 550-7988	ARA 4 Target Match Draw for benches 0700 Match 0800 Jim 512-644-4460	APRIL 6	APRIL 7	MR Prone F-Class Set Up 0830 Match 0900 Pat 266-8904		SB Rifle Silhouette 0800 Setup 0900 Match Sharon 250-8546
	Junior Practice 0930-1530 Joel 550-7988	Action Handgun Set Up 0800 Match 0900 Vic 239-2516	APRIL 13	APRIL 14	SB BR Silhouette Setup 0730 Match 0800 Tom 350-4026		
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3 Gun Tactical 0800 - Set Up 0900 - Match Ross 350-2557	Junior Practice 0930-1530 Joel 550-7988	Action Handgun Set Up 0800 Match 0900 Vic 239-2516	APRIL 27	APRIL 28	, ,	Wobble Trap 1000-1200 Peter 417-1495	
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Important! Please Read!

Scheduled Match in Progress Adjacent range(s) closed for duration of match

You will start to see this sign at some of the scheduled matches starting in November. For safety purposes and as documented in the by laws, Article VIII, Section 2(b) states:

Matches or tournaments will take precedence over other shooting activities at the Range and for safety reasons certain ranges will necessarily be closed during the hours of the match or tournaments.

Every effort will be made to publish range closures in the Club Newsletter and on the web site prior to such a match or tournament. The Range Officer in charge of the match shall have the authority to halt firing on any adjacent ranges which he deems unsafe to the competitors or other shooters.

Closures will be as follows:

Day Scheduled	Event	Range(s) closed
1st Saturday	ARA Bench rest	Small bore silhouette & 200 yd. rifle sight
		in range
1st Sunday	Small Bore Rifle Silhouette	ARA Bench rest & 200 yd. rifle sight in
		range
1st Sunday	600 yd. Prone (F class)	Precision Tactical Rifle and Hi-power
		Silhouette
2nd Sunday	Small Bore Bench rest Rifle	Precision Tactical Rifle and 600 yd. prone
	Silhouette	(F class)
3rd Saturday	ARA Bench rest	Small bore silhouette & 200 yd. rifle sight
		in range
3rd Saturday	Precision Tactical Rifle	Hi-power Silhouette and the 600 yd.
		prone (F class)
3rd Sunday	Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	Precision Tactical Rifle and 600 yd. prone
		(F class)

Your best bet is to check the monthly calendar for schedule changes. However, no matter the day/date scheduled, when the scheduled match is being held, the indicated adjacent range(s) will be closed.

